

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 23-2075V

BRADLEY WOODWARD,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: August 27, 2024

Ronald Craig Homer, Conway, Homer, P.C., Boston, MA, for Petitioner.

Bridget Corridon, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On December 5, 2023, Bradley Woodward filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that he suffered Guillain Barré Syndrome (“GBS”) resulting from an influenza (“flu”) vaccine received on November 25, 2022. Petition at 1. Petitioner further alleges that the flu vaccine was received in the United States, he suffered the residual effects of his injury for more than six months, and no lawsuits have been filed or awards accepted by anyone, including Petitioner, due to his vaccine-related injury. Petition at ¶¶ 28-30. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

¹ Because this Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, and/or at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/national/cofc>, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2018) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Ruling will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2018).

On August 27, 2024, Respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, Respondent agrees that "Petitioner satisfies the criteria set forth in the Vaccine Injury Table ("Table") and the Qualifications and Aids to Interpretation for a Table injury that his flu vaccination caused him GBS." *Id.* at 6. Respondent further agrees that no alternative cause more likely explains Petitioner's condition and that his condition has persisted for more than six months. *Id.*

In view of Respondent's position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master